

to
BEAU FRIEDLANDER

Item #42

March 20, 1977

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Dear Beau,

I apologize for having left your letters unanswered for so long, but for a month I was occupied in preparing answers ~~to~~ to a list of difficult questions that Bonnie sent me. That job was nearly finished a week ago when I came down with some type of respiratory and gastric infection that made me so sick that for four days I couldn't do a lick of work. I didn't really feel myself again until today, when I got back to exercising.

Before going back over your letters and answering what needs to be answered, I wanted to get off to you a list of changes for Truth versus Lies. The list is enclosed. Here are some comments:

Change A. The reason for this change is that Julie Herrada of the Labadie Collection does not want the donation of my papers to the Collection to become public knowledge prematurely. Moreover, the ~~University's~~ University's lawyers have been dawdling so long (several months now), without explanation, about approving the contract that I'm beginning to wonder whether I will be giving my papers to the Labadie Collection after all.

Change C and Change E. A woman correspondent of mine expressed hurt feelings over some of the words I quoted from my early writings in reference to women.

To her, apparently, these words felt like a slap in the face, and she opined that many other women would react the same way. For that reason I've decided to make changes C and E. I've thought it over, and I don't think it's necessary to retain that material for the sake of balance, truthfulness, or any such consideration.

Change D. As documentation for this I'm enclosing photocopies of two letters from the young lady in question, one which contains the passage quoted, and another that gives permission to quote the passage in Truth vs Lies.

You'll notice that the woman has signed the letters only with her first name. I imagine this is sufficient for the permission to quote. I'll give you her full name and address if you want them, but in that case the information must be kept strictly confidential, to protect her privacy.

Change F. I decided to delete this stuff because I think it's more likely to confuse the reader than clarify matters for him.

Change G. I thank you very much for enclosing with your March 3 letter the newspaper item titled "Unabomber sister-in-law bares ordeal of family," by Andy Soltis. This item is extremely useful and important, because it provides solid evidence for what I've long believed without having

proof: That it was Linda Patrik who persuaded my brother and mother to take the point of view that I was mentally ill; moreover, that Linda was hostile toward me ("she never wanted Ted inside her home").

Unfortunately, the photocopy you sent me does not give the name of the newspaper in which the item appeared. I hope you can get this information? It's important! This is a choice item.

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In making the changes A, B, C, etc., I came across a number of things (see the changes K) in the manuscript that seemed to require ~~some~~ minor changes. When one has gone over one's manuscript several times, one becomes numb to it, so to speak, so that one doesn't notice its flaws. But if one puts it aside for a few months and then looks at it again, one sees it with fresh eyes and notices things that ought to be polished up.

So it may be that Truth versus Lies is more in need of line-editing than I thought. Since Bonnie isn't keeping me busy at the moment, this would be a good time for you to send me your edits so that I can check them out.

But what I'm most anxious to see is Korzenik's deletions. In fact, I'm getting very worried about the fact that I've heard nothing from you on that subject. After I get the deletions I may have to do a great deal of work on the text (e.g., paraphrasing deleted parts of letters)

and there's no telling what might come up to prevent me from working on it (demands from Bonnie, for example), so it's very important for me to get those deletions at the earliest possible date, if you don't want to risk missing deadlines. I hope to hear from you immediately on this subject.

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Have you talked with my brother and mother yet? If so, what were the results of your talk?

Okay — next letter I'll go over your recent letters and answer what needs answering.

Best regards,

Ted

P.S. Please inform me as soon as you possibly can of any deadlines, as for making changes.

— T.

A

On page 3, the last 3 lines should be changed to read as follows:

journalists rummaging through my papers to get material for sensational articles. I hope to get the documents housed in a university library, and arrangements will be made so that some responsible and

B

On page 18, change the fifth line from the bottom of the page to read:

occasions, not more. I once had a brief conversation with him at a garage sale. Apart from that I had no association or contact with him.

↑ no period

C

On page 25, delete lines 3-7 counting from the bottom of the page, and replace them with the following:

it's more likely that Jeanne is remembering a joking comment about women that I made in a letter to her husband, K. H., during the mid-1980's.

Change Note 21 of Chapter III ^{page 98} to read
as follows:

21. (Ac) Autobiog of TJK 1979, pp. 40-42 47; (Ca) FL #329, letter from me to David Kaczynski, March 15, 1986, p. 2; (Ad) Autobiog of TJK 1988, p. 3; (Ca) FL #458, letter from me to my mother, July 5, 1991, pp. 5-8, 12; (Da) Ralph Meister's Declaration, p. 3, paragraph 9 states "At ... times, Wanda lost control and verbally abused him." Further documentation will be given in Chapter IV.

Some people seem to think that only physical and sexual abuse constitute real abuse, and that verbal, psychological, and emotional abuse are relatively insignificant. I've been corresponding with a young woman who for years was subjected to sexual abuse by her stepfather, so that no one will deny that she knows what real abuse is. Later, in adult life, she was subjected to verbal and psychological abuse by her husband, and here is what she wrote to me about it in a letter dated November 23, 1998:

"You asked me on the phone Sunday, if I had ever broken down -- Did you mean if I had ever succumbed psychologically, i.e., had a 'breakdown' on account of the verbal/psychological abuse? I know that I have broken into sweats, felt horribly nervous

and have felt my pulse racing, etc. However, the most prominent/unnerving of all feelings, is the intense, as well as uncontrollable anger I have felt toward him. I have also cried -- if not hysterically, then as if I might never stop. The abuse has done something to me Theodore; it has made me prone to horrible anger "

(This letter is not covered in the Notes on Documents, since it had not even been written when those notes were prepared.)

~~Also see James~~

E

On page 278, last three lines, delete the following words:

As I wrote in my journal, "She has a beautiful face but a very mediocre figure (too much fat on her ass and thighs)."

The superscript numeral ⁹ should be moved so that it appears after the words

her figure was not.⁹

F

On page 331, lines 5-9, delete all of the material beginning with "Of course, my brother ... " and ending with "... needs of the moment.)"

Add the material below following the next-to-last line on page 332, ending in "death penalty:"

Added March 20, 1999: Prior to 1989, neither my brother nor my mother ever thought I was mentally ill. A recent news item provides confirmation of what I've suspected for some time: that after Dave shacked up with Linda Patrik in 1989, she persuaded him to believe that I was mentally ill. According to this news item,

"The sister-in-law of Ted Kaczynski ~~is~~ says she knew for years he was severely mentally ill In the joint interview, David Kaczynski, an upstate social worker, said, 'Our whole family was in denial about the extent of Ted's illness.' Only his wife, who said she never wanted Ted inside her home, pressed the issue." ("Unabomber sister-in-law bares ordeal of family," by Andy Soltis, add here the name of the newspaper and the date on which the article appeared.)

How was Linda able eventually to persuade my brother and mother that I was mentally ill? My brother would have been the more receptive to any negative idea about me because of his covert resentment of me. Much more important, he is in a state of abject

psychological servitude to Linda. On this subject see Chapter XIV. My mother is dependent on Linda indirectly, through her dependence on my brother who is the only living person to whom she is still close. Moreover, as I explained at the end of Chapter VII, she has her own motives for accepting Linda's theory that I am mentally ill.

H

Change line 4 of Note 13 of Chapter XV
(page 440) to read:

\$7,700. See Chapter VII, pp. 212, 213. As to
the \$7,700, my

~~In line 4 of Note 13 of Chapter XVI~~
~~(page 440), change~~

~~seven thousand dollars~~

~~to.~~

~~\$7,700~~

Add the following to Footnote 6 of Appendix 2, page 482.

I don't want to give the impression that I've showered as frequently as this throughout my life. After leaving Harvard I tended to shower as infrequently as I thought I could get away with, which meant about once a week. This was motivated partly by my problem with sensitive skin (a dermatologist once told me that I should shower not more than twice a week), but mostly by rebellion against modern middle-class values. For the latter reason, throughout my life I have steadfastly refused to use deodorants.

When living alone in the woods, I've sometimes passed an entire winter without a bath. Years ago, in some newspaper or magazine, I found a list, published for readers' amusement, of obsolete laws that were still on the books in various states. I clipped out one of the items and pasted it on the wall of my cabin, above the table. It read: "Taking a bath in winter breaks an Indiana law." In those days, I suppose, they were more concerned about pneumonia than about smelly armpits.

page i, line 3: Replace the word "though" by the word "while"

page ii, line 8: Replace the word "But" with the word "However," followed by a comma.

page 22, line 1: Delete the comma after the word "insecure."

page 42, line 5 counting from the bottom of the page: Delete the comma after the word "movie."

page 42, line 3 counting from the bottom of the page: Replace the phrase "my father" with the word "him".

page 178, line 2 counting from the bottom of the page: Replace the word "forget" with the word "forgot".

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Following are my various attempts to write the title and by-line for you. If none of these fit the bill, please give me a clearer idea of what you have in mind.

— TJK